MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The senior-most among the Assistants are posted to be in charge of the In-patient Wards, and the assistants next in seniority are in charge of the Out-patient Section.

(*b*) Yes.

Appointments made in the Police Department in 1105.

103. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of appointments made during the last year (1105) in the Police Department and the number of Muslims who got such appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

1.	Number of appointments made in the cadre of District and Assistant Superintendents during 1105 ...	Nil.
2.	Number of appointments made in the cadre of Inspectors during 1105 ...	Acting-3. Permanent-1
	Number of Muslims appointed ...	1-Acting.
3.	Number of appointments made in the cadre of Head Constables during 1105 ...	Nil.
4.	Number of initial appointments of clerks made during 1105 ...	17
	Number of Muslims appointed ...	2
5.	Number of Tamil and Malayalam Shorthand Reporters appointed during 1105 ...	2
	Number of Muslims appointed ...	Nil.
6.	Number of Constables enlisted during 1105 ...	121
	Number of Muslims enlisted ...	5

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE REVENUE RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL (SECOND RRADING OF).

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move that the consideration of the Revenue Recovery Regulation Amendment Bill as reported by the Select Committee be resumed and continued.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I second it.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai, the first amendment stands in your name.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I move that the House do pass on to the business next in order under Standing Order 26.

PRESIDENT: It is not seconded.

The motion fell through as it was not seconded.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I second it.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I second it.

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PRESIDENT: You ought to have seconded it in time. I gave sufficient time for seconding.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Then, I move for the adjournment of the business of the House under standing order 26.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I second the motion.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I oppose the motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, may I speak in support of the motion?

PRESIDENT: Do you want to speak on the motion, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): As I suggested the other day, the difficulty is that we had no time to go through the long controversy that seems to have been carried on in this Council in regard to this Bill. There were several amendments. Some of us had sent in amendments which were a repetition of amendments already discussed. We would like to get an opportunity for sending further amendments and to study the question fully. So, I want this business to be adjourned.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, in supporting the motion for adjournment of the business, I wish to make a few observations. Even though the Bill which is under consideration consists of only one clause and it seeks merely to amend one section in the existing Regulation, it is clear that the principle is a highly controversial one. That fact will be evident from the discussion in this House when the Bill was sought to be introduced and also when the bill was discussed par tlyin the second reading stage. The report of the proceedings cover a good many pages; and Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai says that it has not been possible for the members of the House to study the question and to go through the report and equip themselves to take part in the further discussion of the measure and to come to a conclusion as to what should be done with it. Sir, I submit to the House that there is great force in what he says. No doubt it was fixed for discussion on the first day and then it was adjourned for today. But it is no reason why further adjournment should not be had. We were all busy with the budget. We had to study the budget and the working of various departments, consider the motions of which notices were given; and so it is quite clear that the members were very busy with the work in connection with the budget all these days. Then, one of the new members now says, evidently on behalf of his friends. that he had not time to study the question fully and so an adjournment is desirable. Sir, that it is a very controversial measure cannot be disputed at all. What is it that is now sought to be enacted? Even though it is only a change in one of the sections of the existing Revenue Recovery Regulation it seeks to confer powers on a private body, powers which only the Sovereign could exercise. If that is clearly grasped it would be granted the difficulty that confronts the members in considering the bill today is very reasonable,

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Now, Sir, in realising the arrears of revenue, realisable by Government and certain other bodies, certain coercive steps can be resorted to; and the Regulation provides for that. Now, that power has also been extended with the object of realising the amount due to certain local bodies, for example, the municipalities. But the question now is to give statutory powers to officers over whom Government have little or no disciplinary control whatsoever. The great objection that was taken when the bill was discussed last time was in respect of giving these powers to employees of the Sreepadom Palace. No doubt the municipalities also will come in. It was said that municipal officers are subject to the control of Government or, at any rate, they are subject to the control of popular bodies and no great harm can ensue from their being empowered. But in case of a body like the Sreepadom it is highly objectionable. The powers that are exercised by the Proverticars, Tahsildars, and Peishkars are very extensive Now, if a man makes default to give the *pattom* due to Sreepadom, any of its officers who is authorised may go to his house and break open his house, distrain movables, attach movables, sell immovable property, and grant certificate of sale to any body who purchases the land. He can do all these things.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. The motion before the House is that the House do now adjourn. I do not think that it will be relevant for that purpose to go into the merits of the question except perhaps in a very general way.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I fully understand that fact. I am dealing with it in a general way. My attempt is to show how important and controversial a measure it is. This kind of power which is only exercised by the Sovereign is going to be conferred upon the Sreepadom employees. In that connection we have to consider what the position of the Sreepadom with reference to Government is.

PRESIDENT: I have to point out that such a discussion is irrelevant to the point at issue. You have stated that it is a controversial and important measure. I allowed you to do that. But I do not want you to discuss the principle of the Bill.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I shall stop with that.

PRESIDENT: And I expect you also to be brief. The actual point before the House is whether the business should be adjourned.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My point is to show how controversial a measure it is, and there is ample justification on the part of the members to ask for an adjournment to study the question. I should also say that nothing would be lost by the matter being adjourned because there is absolutely no urgency so far as this measure is concerned.

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Now, we want even the Government officers not to exercise the powers that they get under the Regulation. All coercive processes are sought to be held in obeyance for the time being owing to the great economic stringency and difficulty. At such a time there is absolutely no urgency so far as this matter is concerned and it can very well wait; and if we are given some more time to consider the matter, at another meeting of the Council the matter can be disposed of.

Then, I will touch upon another aspect of the question for the very serious consideration of the House. It happens that the powers of both the Sreepadom and the Government are now merged in the same personage. Of course, I refer to that with very great respect. I refer to this with a view to make clear one point, namely, the difficulty in respect of this matter, that is to say that Her Highness the Maha Rani.....

PRESIDENT: I do not allow you to go on and discuss that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it the reference to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent?

PRESIDENT: That is a matter to which you cannot refer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it my reference to the Sreepadom Palace?

PRESIDENT: The particular reference that you now made.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes Sir, I do not want to make any reference to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent. But, at any rate, this fact is clear that the Sreepadom and the Government are now both under the control of the same personage, so that it is doubtful whether the Government itself can take a thoroughly detached view of the matter under the existing condition. This aspect of the matter the House will do well to consider. The present administration, I submit, is not in a position to take that detached view of the question that it ought to take for reasons quite obvious; and we hear that such a state of things is not going to continue long and that Government will be soon in a position to take a thoroughly detached view of this question.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): Cannot the Council take a detached view?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) We all know that the Council is composed of 35 non-official and 15 official members. What does the Deputy President say about the (15) fifteen officials not to speak of the nominated members. Are these officers allowed to vote freely as they like. This is as much a Government measure as any other Government measure; and they have to vote in a body as in other instances. I ask, are these officers in a position to do justice to this country as they would do if they are given freedom to vote as they please? I submit, as human beings—we are all human beings—the Government members are not in a position to do that justice to the people of the country and to the Sreepadom tenants as they ought to do. There is that aspect of the matter. So, if the 15 official members are not in a position to view this question from a detached point of view, I say the House as a whole cannot do it, because a considerable part of it is not in a position to do that. Of course

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so far as this matter is concerned there is no urgency at all. More suitable condition of things so far as this measure is concerned may be expected soon. That is our information. In these circumstances why should we push on with this bill in this House and place it in the Statute Book. So, I strongly support the motion made by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, the bill is a very short one, and, as Mr. Thanu Pillai said it had a long discussion that has conduced only to the benefit of the House in that much light has been thrown on the pros and cons of this question. I do not think it will be reasonable, having regard to the nature of the discussion the House has had already, to say that there is anything mysterious or unclear about this measure. The request might have been quite reasonable on the first day; and in fact you yourself thought so. Since that time ten days have elapsed, and it seems to me that it was very easy for any member who wanted to study the question to acquaint himself with all the aspects of the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): What about the urgency of the question referred to by Mr. Thanu Pillai?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is not exactly a question of urgency. This Bill has been brought today only in the usual course. There was introduction, reference to the Select Committee and then second reading. It was only in the usual course that it was brought to the House on the first day and when some of the members wanted it to be adjourned it was done. We are just following the ordinary routine course with regard to this bill just as in the case of any other bill.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai said that one adjournment was given. The purpose of that adjournment was that we should have reasonable time to study this controversial Bill. That object has not been gained by the adjournment that has already been granted. I do not think it is the object of Government to rush through this House any piece of legislation without giving us a chance of speaking and voting upon it with full equipment on the subject. It is not our fault that we were not members of the last Council. We never expected that Government had any such object in view, namely, to hasten legislation as it is sought to be hastened just now. I think, in justice to themselves and in fairness to the new members of the House, Government must agree to a further adjournment, especially in view of the fact that the Law Member has admitted that there is no urgency with regard to this particular matter. In these circumstances, a further adjournment is only reasonable. Ours is a very real and honest difficulty and we expect Government to meet it honestly and fairly.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഒരു അഡ്ജോൺമെൻറു കൊടുക്കണോ വേണ്ടയോ എന്നുള്ള സംഗതിയിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ ചെയ്യാം, എനിക്കു അതിൽ യാതൊരു വിരോധവുമില്ല.

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എന്നാൽ ഈ ബില്ല ഈ സഭയിലുള്ള മെംബർമാക്ക വായിച്ചുനോക്കാനുള്ള സൌകര്യം കിട്ടിയില്ല എന്നുള്ള കാരണത്തിന്മേൽ മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല. ആ കാരണത്തിന്മേൽ ഇതു മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുന്നപക്ഷം മെംബേർസിന് ഈ ഒരു ചെറിയസെക്ഷൻ വായിച്ചു മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ കെല്പില്ലായിരുന്നു എന്നു വന്നുകൂടുന്നതാണു്.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): സെക്ഷന്റെ മുഴുക്കം പോലെയാണോ അതിലടങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്ന വൈഷമ്യങ്ങളുടെ ഗൌരവം ഇരിക്കുന്നതു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അതിലടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ള വൈഷമ്യങ്ങാം ഗ്രഹിക്കാൻതക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള സമയം തന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞു. ഇപ്പോഠം ഏകദേശം ഒരുമാസത്തിൽ കൂടുതലായിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു. അതുകൊണ്ടു കായ്യം ഗ്രഹിക്കാനുള്ള സമയം ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): ഈ സെക്ഷനിൽ അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികളെല്ലാം മെംബക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): എനിക്കു് ഒരുവിധം അറിയാം.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): ഏതു ചോദ്യത്തിനും ഉത്തരം പറയാമോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): എന്റെ ശക്തിക്കു തക്കവണ്ണം ഉത്തരം പറയാം.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Maveḷikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): പുതിയ മെമ്പർമാർ അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു അഡ്ജോൺമെന്റു വേണമെന്നു ആവശ്യപ്പെടുമ്പോഠം നാം അവരെ സഹായിക്കേണ്ടതല്ലേ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): പുതിയമെമ്പർമാക്കു ധാരാളം സമയം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു മനസ്സിലാക്കാനുള്ള സൌകര്യമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു ആ കാരണം പറഞ്ഞു മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): ഈ ദിവസങ്ങൾക്കിടയിൽ മറ്റു ജോലികാം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു എന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഏതെല്ലാം ജോലികൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നാലും ഈ നാ ഠ ദിവസത്തിനിടയ്ക്കു വായിച്ചുനോക്കി മനസ്സിലാക്കിയില്ല എന്നു പറയുന്നതു നാം മടിയന്മാരാണെന്നുള്ള ഒരു പേരുവരുത്തിയേക്കും. അതു ഈ കൌൺസിലിന്റെ യോഗ്യതയ്ക്കു പോരാത്തതാണു്. അതിനാൽ ഞാൻ ഈ മോഷനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു.

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RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): Sir, I beg to oppose the motion for the adjournment of the business. If it was put on the short ground that new members have not had an opportunity of studying the Bill, I would not have stood up to oppose the motion. But to go beyond that and to invoke, in support of the motion, questions of principle and of high politics absolutely foreign to the scope of the discussion on this motion, leads me to believe that there is not much to be urged in support of the motion itself. As soon as the Bill was introduced the principle was discussed at very great length, and all these questions of high policy that Mr. Thanu Pillai has now raised were put forward at that time. The House considered them in detail and was for affirming the principle of the Bill.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it the same House that is now considering the measure?

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): To my mind it does not make any difference. Continuity of legislation is the question with which I am concerned now. This House has absolutely no business to assume that its predecessors were a set of irresponsible people and that those who now form the Council are wiser. As I remarked on a former occasion "If sons think their fathers fools, their wiser sons may think them so."

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are not the members of this House in a position to hold their own view?

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): If the motion for adjournment was rested on the simple ground that there was no opportunity to study the proceedings personally, whatever the view of the Government might have been, I would not have stood up to oppose the motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Was that the only ground raised by the mover of this motion?

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): I am now answering the criticisms of those who took part in support of the motion, and I believe I am perfectly in order.

I thought my friend Mr. Thanu Pillai was trying to help those who were not members of the old Council by referring in detail to the controversy on the legislation which now forms the subject of discussion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the learned Deputy President whether, in supporting the motion, it is not open to me, as a member, to put forward also other grounds which were not raised by the mover?

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): It is *equally* open to *me*, Sir, to give expression to *my* views in regard to the criticisms and observations on the present motion and on the Bill now under consideration. I may point out that *I* never objected to my friend's argument when he referred to the merits of the measure.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it suggested by the learned Deputy President that the fate of a motion should depend upon the points referred to by the supporters and others who speak on the motion, and not upon the points raised by the mover himself?

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): Sir, in speaking on the motion that has been placed before the House by my friend Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai, I am simply referring to some of the observations made in the course of the discussion; and I think I am entitled to do it. As I have already pointed out, *I* never raised any objection to my friend Mr. Thanu Pillai referring to certain points in regard to the Bill. All the controversial aspects of the Bill were considered in detail on an earlier occasion and the principle of the Bill has been affirmed by this House. The scope of this measure is not confined to the question of enabling the *Sreepadam* authorities to recover their revenue. It is a general piece of legislation empowering the Government to delegate certain powers in favour of certain parties who are allowed, under the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Regulation to collect their outstandings.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, is the Deputy President in order in referring to the merits of the question?

PRESIDENT: The liberty I allowed you, I have to allow him also.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But *he* took objection to *my* referring to the merits of the question.

PRESIDENT: It is *I*, that control the proceedings here and not anybody else. I have allowed you certain freedom and I have to allow it to Mr. Krishna Aiyangar also.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): My humble submission is that I never raised one word of protest when my friend was addressing the House on the merits of the Bill, because the rights and privileges of the members are controlled by the Chair, and are outside my province.

On the motion, Sir, I am merely submitting that the points raised by my friend Mr. Thanu Pillai were quite foreign to the question now before the House. From the way in which my friend dealt with the question it would look that the Bill referred to the authorities of the Sreepadam Palace alone. I submit that, really, it covers a much larger area. There are also the Municipalities and the Village Panchayats, which would be called forth into existence in the course of the year. These institutions also are sought to be given the powers under this Bill. In dealing with that larger problem, I was just submitting that the House considered it in detail on earlier occasions, that the points now raised by my friend were raised and discussed then and that certain conclusions were reached. Therefore, Sir, in pressing the application for the adjournment of this business, it would not be fair to forget altogether this history of the piece of legislation. On that broad ground I oppose the motion.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I support the motion for the adjournment of this business. I would not have stood up but for one fact. The mover of the motion, a new member of this Council, has stated that himself and the other new members had not had sufficient opportunity for bestowing adequate attention on this controversial measure. And the learned Deputy President agrees with him in stating that it would only be fair on the part of the old members to agree for sufficient opportunity being afforded to the new members to study the subject. Now the difficulty appears to have arisen from the fact that Mr. Thanu Pillai, in supporting the motion, has introduced certain other aspects relating to the Bill. Sir, I also agree with the learned Deputy President that it would have been better if the discussion on this motion had been confined to an appeal, to the good sense and sympathy of this House, in regard to the fact that new members did not have the time to study the measure, rather than being supplemented by a discussion of the provisions of the Bill. Sir, legislative business is one of the most important items of the work of this Council. When the measure seeks to confer high powers on particular officers who are now without such powers it is only fair that the non-official members are allowed to bestow sufficient thought upon it before they are asked to give their sanction to it. On that short ground, Sir, this motion for the adjournment of the business must be supported by this House. All that I would request the learned Deputy President is that because Mr. Thanu Pillai, who seconded the motion, advanced certain arguments, the mover must not be made to lose his motion when *he* did not raise such points. The mover has clearly explained that he had not the time to study the subject and so he would find it difficult to take part in the consideration of the measure just now. It is therefore our solemn duty,—the solemn duty of the old members who have had the benefit of the discussion here,—to afford sufficient opportunity to the new members also to study the subject and to do adequate justice to the measure now before the House.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I support the motion made by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai. Mr. Thomas made an honest confession that we, the new members could not get sufficient time to study the question. Our time was taken up till yesterday in studying the Budget and in discussing motions on it. The fact that we are new members in this Council should be borne in mind in considering this motion. It is only fair that, in the consideration of such a large and important question, we are allowed an opportunity to understand properly the various aspects of the question. This piece of legislation affects me and my constituency more than anybody else in this House. I am therefore particularly interested in seeing that ample opportunity is afforded to the new members of this House to study the question carefully and to prepare themselves for discussing it here. With these remarks I support the motion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, we feel very thankful to the Chair for the kind indulgence shown to us by giving us ten or twelve days' time to study this Bill.

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In the capacity of a new member, Sir, I claim that *my* remarks should have greater weight in this matter than those of the learned Deputy President who has been, I must confess, a bit unsympathetic towards the new members of this House. For the last so many days, except on occasions when he was presiding over the deliberations of this House, the Deputy President has had very little to do with the long and exacting discussions we have had on the budget. And, even on the few occasions when he took part in the discussion. one could see him occasionally going out of the Hall and taking rest. I thought, in the circumstances, he would be in a position to understand the amount of work that we had had to do and the worry that we had been subjected to during the course of these ten or twelve days. And it is not certainly an appropriation of wisdom or of intelligence to our credit when I submit that, going through the amendment now sought to be made in the Revenue Recovery Regulation, I personally find very grave imperfections in it. If I am allowed to speak on that topic for just a minute or two, I hope to be able to show to the Law Member that he has not considered all the aspects of the question when he sought to introduce this amendment. It is a clear omission on the part of the framers of this Bill that, *prima facie*, the employees, who are sought to be invested with the powers, have not been made liable.....

PRESIDENT : That, again, I cannot allow.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : So, Sir, there are many imperfections in the measure in spite of the very long discussion that it has had at the hands of this House. We sincerely believe that we would be able to do more service to the House in the discussion of this amending Bill if we are allowed some more time to study it. With these remarks I support the motion.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : പുതിയ മെമ്പർമാക്ക് ഈ ബിൽ വായിച്ചുനോക്കാനുള്ള സൌകര്യം ലഭിക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള വാദപ്രതിവാദം മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഒരു മോഷനാണല്ലോ ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ സഭമുമ്പാകെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഈ സെഷൻ തുടങ്ങിയ ആദ്യത്തെ ദിവസംതന്നെ എന്റെ സ്നേഹിതൻ മി. കുഞ്ഞുകൃഷ്ണപിള്ള ഇവിടെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചതനുസരിച്ചു ദയവായി മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. പുതൻ മെമ്പർമാരുടെ ഭൂരിപക്ഷാഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരം ഇതുടനെതന്നെ മാറ്റുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിൽ എനിയ്ക്കും വിരോധമില്ല. എന്നാൽ എന്നെസംബന്ധിച്ചുമാത്രം പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ എനിക്കു ഇനിയും കൂടുതൽ സമയം വേണമെന്നു അഭിപ്രായമില്ല. എന്തുകൊണ്ടെന്നാൽ ഈ ബിൽ വായിച്ചുനോക്കാൻ എനിക്കു ധാരാളം സമയം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണു്.

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MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): മെമ്പറെപോലെതന്നെ ആയിരിക്കുമല്ലൊ മറ്റു മെമ്പർമാരുടേയും അവസ്ഥ?

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ബാക്കിയുള്ള എല്ലാ മെംബർമാക്കും മാറിവയ്ക്കണമെന്ന ആഗ്രഹമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു എനിക്കു വിരോധമില്ല. എന്നാൽ എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം ഇതു ഇനി മാറിവയ്ക്കേണ്ടതില്ലെന്നും ഈ ഭേദഗതിബില്ലിനെ ഇപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ആലോചനക്കെടുക്കണമെന്നുമാണ്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, I want to place before the House certain facts. First of all, I am not prepared to admit that I am less capable of understanding this piece of legislation, or for that matter any other enactment, than either my friend Mr. Mahomed or my other friend Mr. R. S. Pillai. That is not the point that I now want the House to consider. We have been trying all these days honestly to do some work. We had the reports of the several departments to study. We were quite new to the working of the different departments and so we thought, that, being new, we should try our level best to study the working of all these departments as thoroughly as possible so that we could offer helpful criticisms to the Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I wish to know from the member whether, during the course of these seven or eight days, he has had the privilege of listening to Mr. R. S. Pillai discussing the Budget at least once?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I do not care for that. I am only submitting certain facts in regard to the work that I, as a new member of this Council, had to do honestly to discharge my duty here. It was only yesterday, after the budget discussion was over, that I was able to take up the discussion on this measure for a perusal; and I was just able to read the learned speech of the Deputy President. When I read his speech, Sir, it took me off my feet when I saw him referring to certain contracts between the Royal House of Travancore and the Attingal Ranees. Various other questions, about which we have no knowledge at all, seem to have been raised there. It can be easily said, Sir, that we could have studied the whole question if we had wanted to do it, and that we had ample time and opportunity. It is not a sign of wisdom to refuse to study all the details connected with the question and to be satisfied that we know everything about it. I think that there *are* lots of things to know and that there has not been so much of discussion about this piece of legislation as there would have been if all the members had been fully alive to *all* the various aspects of the question. That is my real difficulty, Sir. In fairness, we could be asked to give, our approbation or disapprobation of a subject, with due sense of responsibility, only after we have been allowed the opportunity to understand things. I must express *my* difficulty. If the House is not going to support me, I cannot help it. But I cannot

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divest myself of the responsibility or the right to place before this House my real difficulty in the matter. I am not prepared to give my sanction to a piece of legislation which I do not know. I cannot do a thing without knowing what I am doing. The legislation being admittedly, not very urgent I request that we may be given some more time to study it. Even on the first day when I suggested that the consideration of this measure should be adjourned I distinctly stated that it should be adjourned to another session. Being new to this work, I knew that I would have to devote the whole of my time during all these days in order to do my duty to the people. That was why I made the request that the consideration of this Bill must be adjourned to another session.

Sir, these are my difficulties and I am prepared to abide by the decision of the House. But I want to make it clear that it is my responsibility to explain my difficulty in the matter of discharging my duty to the people; and I have done that. I have nothing more to add.

The motion was put to vote and lost.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I demand a poll.

A poll was taken, and the House divided as follows :—

AYES—18.

1	Mr. K. C. Chandi.	11	Mr. K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil*).
2	,, A. S. Damodaran Asan.	12	,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai.*)
3	,, K. Gopalakrishna Pillai.	13	,, M. P. Madhavan Pillai.
4	,, Joseph Kunju.	14	,, A. Narayana Pillai.
5	,, K. Krishnan Nayar.	15	,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.
6	,, E. V. Krishna Pillai.	16	,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai.
7	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai.	17	,, A. Thanu Pillai.
8	,, S. Krishna Pillai.	18	,, O. M. Thomas.
9	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.		
10	,, K. Madhavan Pillai.		

NOES—24.

1	Mrs. Anna Chandi.	14	Mr. P. Gomathinayakam Pillai.
2	Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar	15	,, P. N. Krishna Pillai.
3	,, M. Govindan.	16	,, R. Krishna Pillai.
4	,, N. John Joseph.	17	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.
5	,, K. C. Karunakaran.	18	Mr. E. G. McAlpine.
6	,, K. P. Kochukora Tarakan	19	,, C. O. Madhavan.
7	,, P. S. Mahomed.	20	,, R. Nilakanta Pillai.
8	,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar.	21	,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.
9	,, Rama Varma Raja.	22	Dr. K. Raman Tampi.
10	,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai.	23	Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai.
11	,, L. A. Bishop.	24	,, J. S. Westerdale.
12	,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai.		
13	,, K. George.		

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NEUTRALS—3.

1	Mr. K. P. Abraham.	3	Mr. M. Mahomed Mustapha.
2	Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.		

The motion was declared lost, 18 voting *for* the motion, 24 *against* and 3 remaining *neutral*.

THE REVENUE RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

PRESIDENT: We now resume the consideration of the Revenue Recovery Regulation Amendment Bill.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I beg to move that the following proviso be added after the Explanation.

> "Provided that the powers to be exercised by Peishkars and Tahsildars under this Regulation shall not be vested in any employee of the Sreepadom Palace."

Sir, in the last resort, I am moving this amendment. Section 58 of the Revenue Recovery Regulation says that the Government may, by name or in virtue of an office, empower any person to exercise the powers conferred upon the Peishkars, Tahsildars and Proverthicars, under this Regulation. The present Amending Bill is intended to define the term "*officer*" and it adds an explanation to the effect that the expression "*officer*" includes, for the purpose of this Section, every officer of our Government and every officer of a Municipality as also every person employed for, engaged in or responsible for the collection of public revenue or dues to any local authority. Now, in connection with my amendment, the expression "*every person employed for engaged in or responsible for the collection of any public revenue*" has to be considered. The term "*public revenue*" is defined in the Regulation so as to include *patton* due to Sreepadom. So, if the Amending Bill is passed into law, as it is, the Government can empower any employee of the Sreepadom Palace to exercise the powers of the Peishkars, Tahsildars and the Proverthicars under the Regulation.

Sir on a former occasion, I made clear, at any rate I tried to make clear, the dangers in confering these powers on the officers or the employees of an institution like the Sreepadom which is after all only a private body. Now, my only chance is to see how far I can succeed in minimising the bad effects of the proposed measure when it becomes law.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): May I just put one question to my friend? Is it necessary to delegate Peishkars' powers to anybody? My friend's suggestion is that the powers should not be extended to the employees of the Sreepadom Palace. I go further and ask my friend whether it is necessary to extend the powers of the Dewan Peishkars even to the Municipalities or to the Village Panchayats. Because, under the statutes under which these bodies have been constituted, only movables

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